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Classified By: Acting Political Minister-Counselor Margaret Hawthorne
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) On July 28, MFA chief of the UN Security Council section Peter Ilyichev confirmed that Russia supports the US position on termination of the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) because there is no longer agreement by both parties. He said the GOR is reviewing a draft resolution circulated by the Belgian mission that provides only 90 days for consultations by the UN Secretary General. Ilyichev commented that the GOR "tried our levers as best we could" on the issue, and hoped that the "regrettable" need to terminate UNMEE would not lead to increased violence between the two sides.

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